

**REMARKS**

This preliminary amendment places the application in better form for examination. Attached is a marked-up version of the changes made by the preliminary amendment. No new matter has been added. Applicant has enclosed a copy of Provisional Application 60/156,391 for the Examiner's convenience.

Claims 1-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. The cancellation of these claims is not an admission by Applicant that the prior art teaches or suggests the claimed features of claims 1-20. Indeed, Applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more continuation applications directed to the subject matter of claims 1-20.

Claims 21-40 have been added with claims 21 and 35 being independent. Applicant submits that the prior art fails to teach or suggest at least all the claimed elements of independent claims 21 and 35. Accordingly, Applicant requests allowance of claims 21-40.

Respectfully submitted,

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